

Red and white striped, sometimes with a bit of blue, a barber pole twisting next to a small storefront signifies a place where men can get a haircut, a shave and a bit of masculine bonhomie. But this was not always the case. Back in the day, the red and white we associate with good grooming used to represent blood, bandages, leeches and pain.



## 2017 Winter Newsletter

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### News from our Colleges . . .

**Your board members are:** Chairman John Bradford, and members Ms. Heather Earlington, Mr. Larry Ross, Ms. Vicki Rajewski and Mr. Troy Franklin.

**Your staff members are:** Administrator Lori Ferguson, Director of Licensing Sonia Sprouse and Inspector Jeri Bryant.

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The board office has moved down 2 doors. Same location, Jayhawk Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor but we are now the first door west of the elevator. Our mailing address is the same.

The next barbering exam will be held at Midwest Barber College 901 SW 37<sup>th</sup> Street in Topeka, Kansas 66605 on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Please go to the website under forms and fill out the Application to take the Barbering Exam in order to reserve your testing slot.

### From the Editor's Desk

**Activity of the board** The barbering board has been researching needed updates to our regulations and statutes, many of which are years outdated. The initial recommendations have been made and are being edited at this time. This legislative session will be used to propose the changes necessary to have our regulations and statutes current. This summer the board celebrated the opening of our newest Barber College in Wichita. The board is also very proud to announce the appointment of Lori Ferguson as our new Administrator.



**Activity of the director of licensing and editor** The past few months we have been busy purging old documents/records and consolidating to move to a smaller office space. We have also worked on compiling an electronic file containing all test scores and candidate information. Collection letters have gone out to delinquent shops and barbers.

**Activity of the Inspector,** Jeri is looking forward to getting back to work inspecting full time after recovering from surgery.

**Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!** We have really enjoyed this quarter and we have so many reasons to be excited (a new legislative session, a new administrator, new barber colleges, barbering being featured in the news).



# News from our Barber Colleges

**Legends Barber College:** What an exciting year for Legends Barber College! Seeing the growth and continued work ethic in our students has been a blessing to witness! We look forward to see what else God has in store for LBC. It was a great privilege to host State Board. We are excited to have you join the fight against hunger and in our community. Help us with our 1st annual LBC food drive to help those in need during the Holidays! All food will be donated to those that are in need in our community here in Wichita. We are accepting all can foods and also Toys for this Drive! Merry Christmas to All!! Dominic and Tanada Garcia Owners



**Old Town Barber College:** Old Town Barber College is proud to be celebrating 63 years of service to the Barbering industry and the communities throughout the state of Kansas. Many of our alumni return often to our college campus to reminisce and speak of the fond memories of their time at OTBC.

During this year, Old Town Barber College has undergone extensive review by the our accreditor; Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges, and the US Department of Education. The details of these reviews focused on processes and procedures that enhance our goal and mission of successful student outcomes.

ACCSC evaluated our curriculum, operational policies and procedures, instructional modalities, student retention, student graduation, learning resource center, faculty and student career placement. We are pleased to announce that Old Town Barber College has been granted 5 additional years by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. OTBC also is proud to announce that the results of our retention, placement and graduation percentages were measured on the 90th percentile.

Old Town Barber College has made several significant changes over the past year. New instructors and administrative personnel as well as an on-campus registrar and retention manager. OTBC is constantly surveying our graduates and barbers throughout Kansas in order to improve equipment, supplies, facilities and the latest instructional methods in the industry. Our instructors currently hold over 60 years of combined barbering experience. All of these changes allow OTBC to continually enhance student success and proudly insure the future of one of the oldest professions in the world.

## Old Town Students and Staff





The headlines below are from the Morning Edition at KCUR Radio 89.3 in Kansas City. After 23 years Mr. McIntyre was released from prison after being wrongfully convicted. One of the things that motivates him now as he looks for his new normal is his love for cutting hair. The Kansas Board of Barbering is so proud of the management/ownership at Headlines for offering Lamonte a full scholarship to fulfill his lifetime dream. We caught up with Mr. McIntyre this week and he provided the handwritten letter below detailing his dream. Thank you Ronnell, Derrick and George for the scholarship opportunity and a big welcome to the barbering family Mr. McIntyre.



## **“Exonerated After Decades Behind Bars, Lamonte McIntyre Never Lost Hope For Justice”**



EVERY SINCE I WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD I HAD A PASSION FOR CUTTING HAIR. I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I HELD A PAIR OF CLIPPERS IN MY HAND. I KNEW THEN I WANTED TO BE A BARBER. BY THIRTEEN I WAS CUTTING THE HEAD OF EVERY KID IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. EVEN WHEN I WENT TO PRISON FOR A CRIME I WASNT RESPONSIBLE FOR I STILL HAD A PASSION FOR BARBERING. OCTOBER 13 2017 I WAS EXONERATED AFTER SPENDING 23 YEARS IN PRISON AND THE ONLY THING I WANTED TO DO WAS GET MY BARBERS LICENSE. SO IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN HEADLINE BARBER ACADEMY OFFERED TO HELP ME FULFILL MY DREAM OF BEING A BARBER. I GUESS DREAMS CAN COME TRUE...



At Paul Mitchell we are all about giving back to the community. Every so often we try and take a few barbers to the VA hospital to offer free haircuts to the veterans there. We love to offer this free service to those in need and we feel good being able to use our skills to make others happy. We also hosted our first board test here the end of October and it went off without a hitch. We want to thank the barbering board for using our facility to host their exam and look forward to doing it again in the near future.

Best Wishes and Happy Holidays,

Paul Mitchell Barber School



**Midwest Barber College:** At Midwest Barber College in Topeka the staff will be hosting our Winter Boards on January 14<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting time for Midwest as they are candidates for Accreditation. They have 19 students in the barbering program and they have 4 cross over students.

